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Good afternoon Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, Senator Meyer, Representative Lesser, Senator McLachlan, Representative Hwang and the entire Government Administration and Elections Committee Membership:

I would like to thank the Government Administration and Elections Committee for raising House Bill 5519, An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land.

The Town of Farmington has a long history in the acquisition and preservation of open space. Numerous parcels have been purchased or donated over the past 100 years. More recently, the Town of Farmington formed a Land Acquisition Committee that has acquired roughly 790 acres at a cost to the taxpayers of approximately 19 million dollars.

The Town of Farmington has also participated in the State of Connecticut land conveyance process many times. The town appreciates the opportunity to acquire state property to include in our open space inventory so that current and future generations can benefit from the increased quality of life that open space brings.

As the State of Connecticut closes in on the goal to preserve twenty one percent of its land for open space, it is important to note that the Town of Farmington already has thirty two percent open space in our inventory and plans to increase that number.

I thank the Committee for considering proposed House Bill 5519 and I ask that it be given a joint favorable report.